

REMARKS

In the Decision on Appeal dated May 24, 2004, the Board reversed the rejections of claims 1-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). However, the Board rejected claims 19-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as a new grounds of rejection for failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Applicants submit that the Board's rejection of claims 19-28 is incorrect but to advance prosecution of this application, claims 19-28 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter thereof. Claims 1-18 and 29-32, the remaining pending claims, are allowable in view of the Board's reversal of the Examiner's rejections.

Since all of pending claims 1-18 and 29-32 are now allowable, Applicants respectfully request the timely allowance of this application.

Please charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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